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## DECEMBER 1 WHEAT STOCKS HIGHER IN WASHINGTON, LOWER IN THE UNITED STATES U. S. STOCKS OF LENTILS AND CHICKPEAS ABOVE LAST YEAR

OLYMPIA, Wash., January 12, 2006--The total quantities of wheat stored in all positions, as of December 1, 2005 increased from the previous year. Chris Messer, Director for the USDA/NASS, Washington Field Office, announced the results of a survey stating, “The quantity of wheat stored in Washington totaled 116.6 million bushels, an increase of 4 percent from December 1, 2004.”

Wheat stored on-farms in Washington on December 1, 2005 totaled 16.0 million bushels, down 1.5 million bushels from December 1, 2004. Wheat stored off-farms totaled 100.6 million bushels, an increase of 7 percent from last year.

The quantity of wheat stored in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) on December 1, 2005 totaled 206.1 million bushels, up 4 percent from December 1, 2004. On-farm stocks totaled 50.0 million bushels, compared with 54.0 million bushels a year ago and off-farm stocks totaled 156.1 million bushels, an increase of 9 percent from last year.

The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in the U.S. on December 1, 2005 totaled 1.4 billion bushels, unchanged from last year. On-farm stocks, at 513.0 million bushels, were 3 percent below 2004. Holdings off-farm were 916.5 million bushels, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Barley stored on-farm in Washington on December 1, 2005 totaled 1.3 million bushels, down 35 percent from 2004. The quantity of barley stored in all positions in the Pacific Northwest totaled 62.3 million bushels, up 8 percent from 2004. The U.S. total barley stocks decreased from 246.0 million bushels in 2004 to 208.0 million bushels in 2005.

**Lentils** stored in all positions in the U.S. on December 1, 2005 totaled 3,077 thousand cwt, up from 2,626 thousand cwt in 2004. **Dry Edible Peas** stored in all positions in the U.S. on December 1, 2005 totaled 6,395 thousand cwt, down from 7,708 thousand cwt in 2004. **Chickpeas ( Garbanzo Beans)** stored in all positions in the U.S. on December 1, 2005 totaled 608 thousand cwt, up 35 percent from a year ago.

### GRAIN STOCKS: DECEMBER 1, 2004 , SEPTEMBER 1, 2005, & DECEMBER 1, 2005

Crop/ Quarter	Washington			Pacific Northwest 1/			United States		
	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total
<b>Wheat</b>	1,000 Bushels								
Dec. 1, 2004	17,500	94,353	111,853	54,000	143,339	197,339	531,020	899,306	1,430,326
Sep. 1, 2005	22,000	122,444	144,444	67,000	193,384	260,384	721,360	1,201,931	1,923,291
Dec. 1, 2005	16,000	100,600	116,600	50,000	156,053	206,053	513,000	916,531	1,429,531
<b>Barley</b>									
Dec. 1, 2004	2,000	9,787	11,787	26,400	31,194	57,594	130,700	115,276	245,976
Sep. 1, 2005	2,000	9,041	11,041	31,800	42,257	74,057	137,400	117,511	254,911
Dec. 1, 2005	1,300	6,542	7,842	24,850	37,438	62,288	103,650	104,335	207,985
<b>Oats</b>									
Dec. 1, 2004	*	307	*	*	1,137	*	60,400	44,513	104,913
Sep. 1, 2005	*	206	*	*	998	*	71,700	41,803	113,503
Dec. 1, 2005	*	138	*	*	758	*	60,100	35,635	95,735
<b>Corn</b>									
Dec. 1, 2004	*	12,389	*	*	*	*	6,144,000	3,308,488	9,452,488
Sep. 1, 2005	*	5,639	*	*	*	*	820,500	1,293,472	2,113,972
Dec. 1, 2005	*	12,331	*	*	15,462	*	6,325,000	3,487,835	9,812,835

1/ Includes Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

2/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

\* Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operation.

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